

May 3, 1949.

Mr. Denis Flanagan,  
Managing Editor,  
Scientific American,  
24 West 40th Street,  
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

I am enclosing a draft of the article on sexuality in bacteria which we discussed for your preliminary examination.

I know that you may be tempted to do a full editorial job on it now, but I would like to request that you restrict it to the indicated points, as I intend to polish the MS considerably before submitting it finally. In the meantime, it will save me considerable concern if you would make any suggestions you might have on the following: ~~points~~

1. Length
2. Suitability of diagrams and photograph; any additional material you might like to have
3. General level of presentation, and if unsatisfactory, the particular aspects which should be emphasized or left out
4. Individual terms which should be further clarified

Until these questions of policy had been settled by you, I saw little point in going over minor rhetorical matters. I would also like to know whether you will require a finished typescript, or whether a good copy proofed by hand will be acceptable. Also, will you provide for the expenses of such typing, or do you consider this to be included in the honorarium that you mentioned?

I am sorry that this draft has had to be delayed, but I had several other papers to write, and wished to have enough time to do a reasonably good job on this one as well as the others. I expect that revisions can be completed more promptly.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,  
Assistant Professor of Genetics.